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SUBJECT : Project "O", AFIGO-S Security Clearance Processing.

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2. [] pointed out that AFIGO-S is certifying as to the clearability of candidates for "O" clearances when, in fact, the candidates do not always meet clearance criteria. For one thing, the candidates file is not being reviewed and nor is the investigation being brought up to date when necessary. Conversely, it was pointed out that other special projects centralized under DIA are adhering to the present security standards regarding file review and bringing investigations up to date (largely because DIA and the military components concerned have security offices sufficiently staffed to perform these functions). In addition, AFIGO-S is maintaining its own set of records re clearances and debriefings on military personnel, a function also changed to DIA.

3. Col. Cary is quite willing to go along with implementing the appropriate security processing procedures and phasing out his record keeping function. He desires to retain his authority to approve and disapprove clearances on "O" nominees. In addition, he believes that any procedures implemented must be able to keep pace with a dynamic program. He does not want his effort hamstrung by unwieldy or time consuming clearance procedures.

4. [] also explained that a directive outlining NRP investigative standards and review criteria will soon be published. In effect, this directive will expand the scope of the investigations currently conducted and define criteria to be utilized in judging the clearability of nominees for NRP; i.e., definite standards concerning nominees who have close relatives in communist dominated countries, etc. The undersigned pointed out that OSI is not in a position to embark on a crash program of bringing backgrounds up to

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date and conducting expanded background investigations within the framework of its current manpower resources

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[] has previously advised [] that he could not commit OSI to such a work increase without additional people.) [] advised that not only OSI but DIA and AFNIC (Security, Collections Br., DCS/Intelligence) would be similarly effected and he said that Dr. McMillan himself would have to authorize additional manpower spaces and adjust budgets accordingly.

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5. [] mentioned that as an interim procedure provisional type clearances could be issued for the "O" program in advance of the full security certification accomplished by DIA.

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6. However, no commitments to courses of action were made at this time, (and the undersigned will not make any such commitments without first seeking the concurrence of

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[], Col. Geary and [].

6. The results of the meeting were as follows:

a. Col. Geary wants his project security processing to conform to NRO security policy.

b. The dynamic nature of the O Program and high priority assigned to it demand that security procedures be equally as dynamic.

c. Further meetings and discussion should be held with NRO, OSA, and OSI security staff representatives to further the above objectives.

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